

Invitation to Bid

University of Connecticut Project #300065 Southeast Campus Infrastructure Utilities Upgrade

You are hereby invited to bid the University of Connecticut – Southeast Campus Infrastructure Utilities Upgrade (Project #300065) in Storrs, CT.

Job Description: The Southeast Campus Infrastructure Utilities Upgrade project includes underground steam, condensate and primary electrical ductbank and associated ancillary support systems at 830 Bolton Road adjacent to and connecting into the School of Fine Arts. The project includes removal and replacement of existing steam and condensate systems within von Der Mehden and Music Drama mechanical rooms. The construction schedule is expected to be from May 2019 through October 2019.

Submit the bid package per instructions no later than the dates in the instructions below.

Unit #	Description	DAS Prequalification Required **	Set Aside or 30/10	Updated Estimated Value*	Bid Due Date
01K	Construction Site Fencing	No	30/10	\$100,000.00	04/12/19

Subcontractors will be expected to be S/MBE or to provide a minimum of 30% SBE and 10% MBE participation as indicated above and comply with CHRO requirements. S/MBE companies must have current certification by the CT DAS.

Bid Instructions:

- 1. Interested bidders shall email John.Chalker@whiting-turner.com to request download permissions.
- 2. Follow the weblink provided below to download Bidding Instructions, Bid Forms, and Contract Documents.

Weblink:

https://whitingturner.sharepoint.com/sites/017262UconnFA/ExternalCollaborators/Forms/AllDocuments.aspx?id=%2Fsites %2F017262UconnFA%2FExternalCollaborators%2FSoutheast%20Campus%20Infrastructure%20Utilities%20Upgrade%2FDesign%20Drawings%20%26%20Specifications%2FInvitation%20To%20Bid%2F01K%20Site%20Fencing

Please note, this website will be the only official outlet for bid information and addenda. Information from other sources may be inaccurate.

3. Submit a hard copy of the bid on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 3pm with all requested attachments to:

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company 860 Bolton Road, Storrs, CT 06269

Bids shall be delivered via UPS, FedEx, or Hand Delivery ONLY

Bids must be sealed. Electronic bids will not be accepted.

All bids will be opened publicly immediately after bids are due at 860 Bolton Road, Storrs, CT 06269

- 4. DAS Prequalification is required for **all** bids which exceed **\$500,000** regardless of whether the scope is identified as such above.
- 5. Subcontractor will be expected to be S/MBE or to provide a minimum of 30% SBE and 10% MBE participation as indicated above. S/MBE companies must have current certification by the CT DAS.
- 6. This project has a Project Labor Agreement (PLA).
- 7. WT, at the advice of UConn, reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in bids and prequalification's.

Small and Minority Businesses (S/MBE) are encouraged to apply/bid. For additional information on certifying as an S/MBE in Connecticut, please visit the following link: https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/Procurement/Supplier-Diversity/SBE-MBE-Program-Certification-Application-Small-or-Minority-Business-Enterprise

- * Value shown is an estimated value only and is not a guaranteed representation of the actual value of the scope.
- ** Scopes identified as "DAS Prequalification Required" must have DAS Prequalification as these scopes are estimated to exceed \$500,000. DAS Prequalification is required for all bids which exceed \$500,000 irregardless of whether the scope is identified as such above.

S/MBE Contractors may find the following independent third-party resources helpful:

- **The Connecticut Small Business Development Center (CTSBDC)** provides no-cost advising assistance to both prospective existing business owners to help them start or grow their business. For more information, please visit http://ctsbdc.com/contact/.
- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)** guarantees bid, performance and payment bonds issued by surety companies. This Federal guarantee encourages surety companies to bond S/MBE's who are having difficulty obtaining bonding on their own. For more information, please visit https://www.sba.gov/surety-bonds.
- Creative Insurance Concepts, Inc. (CIC) http://www.creativeic.com/bonds.html Participants in the SBA Surety Bond Guarantee Program in most states. Contact Charlene Reynolds, CEO, at 804-674-8330 or cjreynolds@creativeic.com.
- Entrepreneurial Center Whether you need to learn how to start your own business, obtain a loan, or how to run a business more profitably, The Entrepreneurial Center supports you with Resources and Tools. Learn about their free and low-cost services that support CT small business. Physical Location: Butterworth Hall, 1265 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Phone: (860) 768-5663. Website: http://www.hartford.edu/ec/
- Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Program (CT PTAP) CT PTAP's mission is to provide marketing and procurement assistance to Connecticut businesses interested in selling their goods or services to federal, state, or local governments. CT PTAP is a statewide program serving all cities and towns in Connecticut. If contacting CT PTAP for the first time, please fill out and submit the Application for Assistance on their website or call 860-437-4659 Ext. 208. Website: http://ctptac.org/